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In re Application of:

Jean-Marie BUERSTEDDE et al. Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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For: Methods for Genetic Diversification in Atty. Docket: P30753US00

Gene Conversion Active Cells

Preliminary Amendment

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend same, as follows:

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number P30753US00. Applicant(s) likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.